



## NEWS BRIEF

### **Training of trainers on e-procurement builds capacity at Chambers of Commerce to assist economic operators**

Tirana – On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, the Millennium Challenge Albania project organized training of trainers sessions on e-procurement with six permanent staff, four from the Tirana Chamber of Commerce and Industry and two from American Chamber of Commerce, appointed to serve as contact points for their chambers' membership on e-services.

This is a second-round training effort carried out by the project on e-procurement following the four one-day information seminars on public procurement reforms and IT system for e-procurement with 100 representatives from these two chambers, Konfindustria, business women, and media.

The project is building capacities to this core group of future trainers on e-procurement, not only as part of the information and education campaign targeting the business community, but more so in order to transfer knowledge to local partners and promote sustainability, by assisting in setting up training units for the economic operators within these chambers.

The overall goal is to help establish Technical Assistance Centers in support of economic operators, a best practice used widely in the United States in the field of procurement (PTACs) as well as more generally by the European Union to assist SMEs in third countries with information about the EU market (EICCs).



The two-year \$13.85 million Millennium Challenge Albania Threshold Agreement between the Government of Albania (GoA) and the [Millennium Challenge Corporation](#), administered by [USAID](#), assists the GoA to reform and modernize tax administration, public procurement, and business registration, through internet technology solutions and legislative enhancements.

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